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# DEKALB NURSERY BULLETIN

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## *A MONTHLY VISITOR*

Full of practical suggestions—what and when to plant, prune and spray—and seasonable offerings of the many varieties of Trees, Hardy Flowers, Hardy Shrubs, grown and distributed by the DeKalb Nurseries.

*CLOSED ON SUNDAY*

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Unless it has rained by the time this Bulletin makes its appearance, I want to urge upon everyone who planted any trees this last fall, to be sure and water them, the ground is so dry that all trees and shrubs are suffering from want of moisture, all trees should go into the winter thoroughly soaked with water.

Street trees in the Borough and Villages, are becoming to be a nuisance and a menace to pedestrians; why this is tolerated, I do not understand, the sidewalks and streets should be clear of all impediments, whether they be trees or sign boards, or any kind of obstructions.

If anything protrudes down over the sidewalk to catch one's hat or ears, it is a nuisance, and should be removed, most of the street trees are too low branched, these trees were planted, grew, and have received no further attention, and have attained shapes that are not becoming a fine street tree.

Street trees should forever be shapely, prim and in general have an orderly appearance.

There is a place for everything one often hears, and I believe it's true, but when a tree is planted on a street, it must be remembered it is to perform a singular duty, that of giving shade, and in general add to the appearance of the immediate surroundings.

It does not matter what variety of trees are planted on the street, or what the habit and character of the trees may be, it must not interfere with pedestrians or the traffic under it.

When the trees have become too low branched, the lower limbs should be cut off, and this does no harm to any street tree, it causes the tree to raise its top, and thus become safe and even more beautiful, for what is finer than an avenue or street planted with tall trees and especially when these trees are kept in order, properly shaped and pruned.

Whatever may or may not be done for them they should be trimmed high enough so they do not endanger people walking or driving under them, automobiles have been wrecked and persons seriously injured because some people were unwilling to cut off the lower limbs of the trees along the street, the results were lawsuits and heavy damages.

I know of a street in our own Borough, that has been the talk of the town because it is such a uniform avenue of shade trees, and a most pleasant place to walk through on a hot summer day, but that is fast changing, on a rainy day when the foliage is on the trees, the limbs heavy with water, and hanging so low that one can hardly walk along the sidewalk, big trucks can only drive in the trolley tracks, often to the confusion of the touring cars.

All this can be corrected, and sooner or later will be corrected when an accident happens, then it must be corrected, why wait, and why neglect the trees on the street, if you do nothing else for them, make them safe, it will at least show a consideration for the passerby, and the public in general.

Make your trees safe by cutting off the lower limbs.

We are pleased to offer small evergreens for tubs, and window boxes, we have a great many, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$2.50 each, at this price it

should be within reach of any pocketbook, and a few evergreen plants on the porch make a world of difference, they add so much in winter, after the flowers of summer are gone.

The weather has suddenly turned cold, but not too cold to plant trees and shrubbery, any kind of trees may still be planted with perfect safety.

It is important to do all the planting, especially in big trees all through the winter, because there is more time for this sort of work than there is in spring, for much of this kind of work is postponed until spring and then has to be postponed again because there is not enough labor to be had to do this work.

Hedges can be planted any time in winter just so long as it is possible to dig, if the ground is frozen too deep, then it is impractical to do it, but so long as the ground can be dug up and the earth shoveled around the roots of the plants, it is safe to plant any kind of hedges.

Japanese Berbery is the hardest of them all, and one cannot make a mistake in planting this hedge anywhere, on top of a bank or on the side of a terrace it gets a hold and grows and always proves satisfactory no matter where it is planted, but when planting a hedge, be sure and trim it, keep it in shape, if it is to be prim and formal.

We have Japanese Berbery plants in great quantities and at low prices, and we can fill orders whether for 100 or 1000 plants on short notice.

Japanese Weeping Flowering Cherries, have become very popular in the last few years, these trees are a wonderful sight in early spring, their branches hung in stringy fashion like a Weeping Willow and are covered with ropes of small pink blossoms, and when they are in bloom they are the most attractive trees to be seen.

There has not been enough of these trees to go around, that is we have not had enough to fill all orders, but we have them again to offer now in a limited quantity, and unless the demand is beyond our expectations we shall be able to fill all orders for these rare and beautiful trees, all this coming year.

The price for these trees is \$7.50 each and they can be planted any time if the ground is fit, till early spring, they cannot be planted late in spring, as soon as they begin to grow it is too late to transplant them.

If you are planning to get one or two, be sure to get them by early spring.

We have many acres of fine shrubbery and trees, it will pay you to see them when in the market for trees or shrubbery, we will give you prompt and good service, and at the lowest price possible.

We have some fine spruce trees for Christmas trees, 2-3 feet high, beautiful bushy well shaped trees at \$2.00 each, they can be planted in a tub for Christmas use, we shall be pleased to show you these trees if you will come and see them, they can be dug while you wait, and you can take it with you.

We have also a few large Christmas trees growing in the Nurseries, and are priced up to \$5.00 and \$7.50 each, we shall be pleased to reserve any of these trees for you if you will select the tree.

We will have some fine loose Holly, Holly Wreaths and other Christmas greens and wreaths, be sure to place your order early and place it with us.

We are approaching the close of another year, and I beg to extend to you the greetings of the season, and more, I want to express to each and every one who during the past season has made use of the services of the DeKalb Nurseries, my sincere appreciation for the many courtesies and for your patronage.

It has been a happy and encouraging experience to me and every one representing the DeKalb Nurseries.

And now when the candle lights are burning on your Christmas tree and the spirit of good cheer fills the rooms of your own home on Christmas Eve, our good wishes will go out to you, that you may have the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year.

Sincerely,

Adolf Müller.